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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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 - \$240 for 6 independent claims over 3 .
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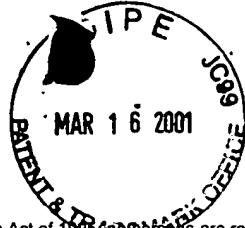
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First Named Inventor	GIROUX
Examiner Name	
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106	320	206 160 Design filing fee	
107	490	207 245 Plant filing fee	
108	710	208 355 Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214 75 Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 355)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
27	-20** = 7	x 9 = 63	
9	-3** = 6	x 40 = 240	
Multiple Dependent			

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103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209 40 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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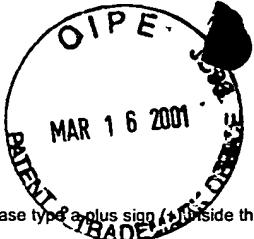
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147	2,520	147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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115	110	215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
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119	310	219 155 Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221 135 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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142	1,240	242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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